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SUBJECT: MOFA SPEAKS TO EMBASSY REGARDING UPCOMING FCLP.

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires a.i., Joe Donovan for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

¶1. (C) In a scripted exchange using language employed prior to other rounds of Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) MOFA DDG of North America Affairs Kazuyoshi Umemoto spoke with A/DCM Mike Meserve on April 25 regarding the May 2 to May 11, 2007 FCLP.

Umemoto asked for the U.S. Government to:

- Use Iwo Jima as the site for FCLP as much as possible.
- To consciously avoid excessive sound around Atsugi airbase.
- To pay consideration to the fact that noise complaints are amplified during the night hours.
- To adhere to the noise abatement agreement around Atsugi airbase.
- If required, to reduce any noise problems at backup airfields.

¶2. (C) In response, Mr. Meserve, using scripted language used previously in reply to MOFA's expressions of concern, stated that:

- FCLP training is critical for the readiness of the carrier and its air wing, and as a result, for our ability to maintain our treaty commitments to defend Japan and maintain security for the region.
- The USG understands the Government of Japan's request. We will conduct FCLP as much as possible at Iwo Jima.
- The USG understands the local concerns about noise and. As always, makes every effort to mitigate noise.
- The USG will abide by the noise abatement agreement around Atsugi airbase.

¶3. (C) COMMENT: MOFA explained to Embassy Tokyo that set messages on FCLP like this are only delivered so that MOFA can explain to local government authorities that they have conveyed a formal statement to the U.S. Government regarding FCLP. END COMMENT.

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